

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Akira KUBO et al.

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For: 4-IMIDAZOLIN-2-ONE COMPOUNDS

Examiner: P. L. Morris

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Examiner has required restriction among four groups of claims, i.e., Groups I-IV. The Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, Group I, the instances wherein Z^1 is nitrogen, B, G^1 and G^2 represent non-heterocyclic groups.

As far as an election of species is concerned, the Applicant further elects Example 275, which is disclosed in Table 31 on page 95 of the application.

This election is made without prejudice to the right of the Applicant to file one or more divisional application upon the non-elected subject matter.

Rejoinder of claims, as appropriate, is respectfully requested, depending upon the search made by the Examiner. In this regard, the statement made by the Examiner in the second paragraph on page 4 of the Office Action is duly noted.

The attention of the Examiner is respectfully drawn to the Second Preliminary Amendment filed on September 28, 2006, which corrected an error in the English language


translation of the corresponding Japanese language PCT application. Entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Raymond C. Stewart, Registration No. 21,066 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Dated: December 20, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

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